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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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| Applicant's or agent's file reference<br><b>00479.00029</b>        | <b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below. |  |
| International application No.<br><b>PCT/US 01/04340</b>            | International filing date (day/month/year)<br><b>12/02/2001</b>   | (Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year)<br><b>15/02/2000</b> |
| Applicant<br><b>SCIENCE APPLICATIONS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION</b> |   |  |

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of **5** sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

**1. Basis of the report**

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
  - the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :
  - contained in the international application in written form.
  - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
  - furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
  - furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
  - the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
  - the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2.  **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3.  **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:  
**AGILE NETWORK PROTOCOL FOR SECURE COMMUNICATIONS WITH ASSURED SYSTEM AVAILABILITY**

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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- None of the figures.

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
 IPC 7 H04L12/56 H04L29/06 H04L12/46

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 H04L

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, INSPEC, COMPENDEX

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

| Category ° | Citation of document with indication where appropriate, of the relevant passages                                   | Relevant to claim No. |
|------------|--|-----------------------|
| A          | EP 0 858 189 A (HITACHI LTD)<br>12 August 1998 (1998-08-12)<br>column 6, line 35 -column 10, line 13<br>---<br>-/- | 1-27                  |

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. Patent family members are listed in annex.

## ° Special categories of cited documents :

- "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- "E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
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## C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages  | Relevant to claim No. |
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| E        | WO 01 50688 A (TELEFONAKTIEBOLAGET LM<br>ERICSSON (PUBL)) 12 July 2001 (2001-07-12)<br>page 11, line 18 -page 13, line 21<br>---  | 28, 29, 34            |
| A        | WO 98 59470 A (TELEFONAKTIEBOLAGET LM<br>ERICSSON (PUBL))<br>30 December 1998 (1998-12-30)<br>page 4, line 5 -page 5, line 2<br>---   | 28-39                 |
| X        | WO 99 48303 A (CISCO TECHNOLOGY, INC.)<br>23 September 1999 (1999-09-23)<br>page 1, line 8 -page 2, line 5<br>page 5, line 33 -page 6, line 15<br>page 7, line 21 - line 33   | 40, 50                |
| A        | -----   | 41-49,<br>51-59       |
| A        | JONES JIM ET AL: "Distributed Denial of<br>Service Attacks: Defenses"<br>INTERNET ARTICLE, 'Online! 2000,<br>XP002208785<br>Retrieved from the Internet:<br><URL:www.bai.org/pdf/DDOS-defense.pdf><br>'retrieved on 2002-08-05!<br>paragraph '0005'<br>---  | 60-66                 |
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International application No.  
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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
2.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
  
3.  Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
  
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
  
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
  
4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

### Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

**FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210**

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-27

A system and a method to balance the load between communication paths with varying transmission quality.

2. Claims: 28-39

A system and a method to prevent someone from learning requested IP addresses by intercepting DNS requests.

3. Claims: 40-59

A method to prevent a denial-of-service attack from an unauthenticated user flooding dummy data packets on to a low bandwidth link.

4. Claims: 60-66

A method to prevent an authenticated user residing within a secure system from flooding it with dummy data packets.

5. Claims: 67-71

A method to allocate memory in a central computer communicating with a potentially large number of client computers.

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Information on patent family members

International Application No

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| Patent document cited in search report |   | Publication date |                            | Patent family member(s)  |  | Publication date   |
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